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Estrada and his minions: targets of NPA special operations

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Joseph Ejercito Estrada and his partners in plunder, thievery and other criminal operations are legitimate targets of the New People's Army's (NPA) special operations. These operations are expressions of the Filipino people's deep loathing for the despicable regime and contribute to the people's struggle to overthrow the Estrada government that is rotten to the core.

Likewise, in accordance with the statement of the Executive Committee of the Central Committee in October, the following actions against the specified targets may be launched by the NPA within or outside guerrilla zones:

- Punitive actions against businesses owned by Lucio Tan including Fortune Tobacco, Asia Brewery and others. Its distribution operations and warehouses in guerrilla zones may be targeted.
- Punitive actions against the businesses of Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco including San Miguel Corporation and its subsidiaries.

Special operations targeting Cojuangco's private armies in Negros, Tarlac and other areas may also be conducted. Cojuangco's private armies are notorious for violating human rights and brutalizing the peasant masses.

□ Meting punishment on Gen. Panfilo Lacson and his rabidly fascist criminal lackeys in the police and military.

□ Punishment of Estrada's jueteng buddies including Charlie "Atong" Ang, Bong Pineda, Charing Magbuhos and Anton Prieto who are usually despotic landlords in their home provinces.

□ Special operations may also be launched against the Presidential Security Group and other notorious AFP units, especially those with blood debts against the people and who protect Estrada and his cronies' rackets.

This is also a reminder that the Party Central Committee's order to form a special NPA unit for the arrest of the late Marcos' relatives-especially Imelda and Ferdinand, Jr., as well as the fascist dictator's foremost minions-remains effective. This order attains new significance and urgency after Estrada

coddled the Marcoses and shielded them from the people crying out for justice against the abuses wrought by martial law.

NPA units may identify other targets based on the information that they gather regarding the interests and other operations of Estrada and his minions in zones where revolutionary armed forces operate. The Party enjoins the people and other forces to submit to the NPA any relevant information that would contribute to the success of NPA operations.

Launching these special operations is in accordance with the principle of protracted people's war. These are carried out alongside the continuous and all-sided intensification of armed struggle, strengthening of antifeudal struggles and expanding and deepening the revolutionary mass base in the countryside.

The Party believes that the emphasis of the struggle to overthrow Estrada lies in unarmed, peaceful but militant street protests waged by the people in their millions. Nonetheless, the NPA must conduct special operations against the Estrada government to further weaken the reactionary regime and inspire and embolden the people to further unite and wage resistance.